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Press Release

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DEC announces another food recall due to Salmonella

Kraft Foods recalling Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares; product has been found in Alaska

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is warning consumers not to eat Kraft Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares. This product may be contaminated with Salmonella, a bacterium that causes food borne illness.

Kraft Foods has issued a recall in the U.S. for *Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares* (6 oz.) with a UPC Code 0043000252200 and four best when used by dates:

31 MAR 2008 XCZ

01 APR 2008 XCZ

02 APR 2008 XCZ

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The product was distributed nationwide and has been found in Alaska. Consumers should not eat the recalled product and should discard any product they may have or return it to the store where it was purchased for a refund.

This recall is **only** for *Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares* (6 oz.). No other varieties of *Baker's White Chocolate* or any other *Baker's* products sold in the United States are impacted by this recall.

Symptoms of food borne illness caused by *Salmonella* include fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. In persons with poor underlying health or weakened immune systems, Salmonella can invade the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections. Anyone who may have consumed the product and is exhibiting symptoms should contact their health provider immediately.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration noted the potential for contamination after testing that detected the presence of *Salmonella* in some packages of Baker's Premium White Chocolate Baking Squares (6 oz.). The company is aggressively investigating the source of the problem.

Photo of product/label:



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For more information about food borne illnesses log onto DEC's website at: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/foodborne/foodborne.htm>

To sign up to receive food recall alerts by email, go to: www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food_recalls.html

